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Silent car electrifies co-op fleet

Plugged in. Peg City's new Chevy Volt gives members a chance to check out technology

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It may be silent on the road, but Peg City Car Co-op expects its newest ride to generate plenty of noise among co-op members.

On Tuesday, the car-sharing group unveiled its latest addition, an electric vehicle in the form of a 2012 Chevrolet Volt to be parked near Confusion Corner.

"We've really reduced the barriers to having access to an electric vehicle because there are no additional costs to using this vehicle versus our other car-share cars," said Michelle Dupuis, vice-president of the Peg City Car Co-op board, adding the response among the members has been positive.

"We're hoping it'll bring in new members. It's a really unique kind of car."

The Volt was originally purchased by IBEX Payroll, but Darryl Stewart, IBEX's CEO and owner, felt that more people would benefit from using the vehicle.

"We own it, but we've given it fully over to the co-op," said Stewart, adding that he and his employees will have access to the Volt as co-op members.

Shelagh Graham, a Peg City Car Co-op member, said she works out of the IBEX building and plans on using the vehicle, when available, over the lunch hour for short trips and errands.

"I love it," Graham, who uses her bicycle regularly, said during a test drive. "It looks so glamorous, I'm really excited about it. I'm trying to plan what trip I'd like to use it for."

Peg City Car Co-op, which launched in June of 2011, provides access to shared vehicles on an hourly basis.

Aaron Russin, member services co-ordinator for Peg City Car Co-op, gets in the co-op's new Chevrolet Volt at a media event Tuesday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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One charge dropped

Senator's wife has case put over for a day while lawyers meet

A senator's wife charged with creating a disturbance on a plane had the most serious charge against her dropped Tuesday, but she was forced to spend another night away from her husband.

Maygan Sensenberger made a brief appearance in a Saskatoon court Tuesday morning. The 23-year-old's husband, Sen. Rod Zimmer, 69, a Liberal from Manitoba, sat quietly in the back row.

The case was adjourned to Tuesday afternoon and then to Wednesday afternoon. The defence and Crown wanted time to review disclosure and hold discussions.

Maygan Sensenberger
LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Crown withdrew the most serious charge against Sensenberger of endangering the safety of an aircraft. That charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison under the Criminal Code.

"The two charges now are causing a disturbance and uttering threats," defence lawyer Leslie Sullivan said outside the courthouse.

Conditions remained in place that Sensenberger have no contact with Zimmer. Saskatoon police arrested Sensenberger last week after she allegedly caused a ruckus on a flight from Ottawa.

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Pork problems. Piglets in distress had to be put down, farmers say

A farmers' group warns cases like one where close to 1,300 piglets had to be euthanized in Manitoba could become more common due to what it calls a crisis in the hog industry.

It said its chief veterinarian's office investigated and found the piglets "in severe distress" and that they were put down immediately "to avoid further pain and suffering."

Doug Chorney, president of Keystone Agricultural Producers, said he fears similar stories could emerge in the coming weeks because troubles in the pork industry mean weanlings are now essentially worthless.

Chorney said farmers face a crisis of low prices for pork, combined with high prices for feed that are being driven by severe drought in the U.S.

The Manitoba government says it immediately launched an investigation when it found the piglets.

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Deadly stabbing. Local man accused of hiring hitman granted bail

A Winnipeg man who allegedly hired a hitman to murder his girlfriend has been granted bail.

Drake Moslenko, 27, was granted release Tuesday pending a $100,000 surety and $10,000 bail and has been ordered to stay away from the family and friends of Kalian Tran, 26.

Tran was stabbed to death in June of this year in the parking lot of her apartment building.

The brazen attack happened in broad daylight in the early morning and in front of witnesses.

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Murder charges

- Moslenko faces charges of first-degree murder in Tran's death.
- He has been accused of hiring Treyvonne Willis, 20, to kill her.

NDP-er wants Fort Whyte to move a bit to the left

Brandy Schmidt. Riding has only voted in PC representatives since its inception in 1999

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The second-youngest candidate vying to be Fort Whyte's next MLA says her age is one of the advantages she'd offer constituents if elected.

But NDP candidate Brandy Schmidt is also quick to point out she's not as young as she looks.

"I do get that at the door sometimes, but I say, 'Well I am 30,'" laughed the first-time candidate running in a by-election to replace outgoing PC leader Hugh McFadyen. "I think it's a real benefit to be young, engaged, full of energy, and optimistic about the future."

Schmidt, who hails from Fort Rouge, decided to run in Fort Whyte after making contacts in the area through her time working as the community engagement manager with the MS Society of Canada in Manitoba, which has its head office in the riding.

"It just feels like a natural transition to get more engaged in the community," she told Metro.

Schmidt holds a BA in International Development Studies from the U of W, and while this is her first time running as a candidate, she's not new to politics — she worked on two provincial NDP campaigns during last year's election.

"Concerns that I am hearing when we're out at the door are definitely infrastructure and education … and making sure there are sufficient school opportunities for the kids in the neighbourhoods," she said, adding if elected she would form partnerships with all levels of government.

"A lot of issues in this community might be municipal or they might be federal, but I really think if we can all work together to have a strong voice for Fort Whyte."

NDP candidate for Fort Whyte Brandy Schmidt is running in the Sept. 4 byelection. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Report's finding

Temple killer had alcohol problems

The man who killed six Sikhs at a Wisconsin temple had a history of alcohol problems, says a report released Tuesday. Wade Michael Page, 40, died after shooting himself in the head. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Camouflage suit

'Fake Bigfoot' killed by cars

A man dressed in a military-style ghillie suit who was apparently trying to provoke reports of a Bigfoot sighting was struck by two cars and killed in northwest Montana.

Ghillie suits are a type of full-body clothing made to resemble heavy foliage and used to camouflage military snipers.

Randy Lee Tenley, 44, of Kalispell "was trying to make people think he was Sasquatch so people would call in a Sasquatch sighting," Trooper Jim Schneider was reported as saying.

"I haven't seen or heard of anything like this before. Obviously, his suit made it difficult for people to see him." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cocaine claimed

Not only cheques in the mail?

Officials say a New Jersey letter carrier used her mail route to courier packages of cocaine for drug traffickers. Bail was set at $100,000 US for Christina Nunez, 30, in a Newark court Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Buyer shocked

Storage unit hid body parts

Brains, hearts and lungs of about 100 people have been found in a Florida storage unit. Officials say it belonged to a former medical examiner. Someone bought the unit last week and noticed a foul smell. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sixteen charged

Hair-cut attacks called hate crime

Sixteen people have been charged with hate crimes — hair-cutting attacks in Ohio against followers of their Amish faith. Such hair-cuttings are considered deeply offensive in the traditional Amish culture. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rain drenches Bourbon Street in the French Quarter of New Orleans as Hurricane Isaac zeroes in on the city, Tuesday. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't tempt fate, Obama says as Big Easy braces for Isaac

A roiling tropical storm with the innocent-sounding name of Isaac turned into a potential mass killer late Tuesday.

Isaac became a full-blown Category 1 hurricane as it zeroed in on New Orleans — the Big Easy.

As Isaac made landfall in southeast Louisiana, tens of thousands of people hunkered down behind boarded-up windows with stockpiles of food and water.

And New Orleans waited nervously behind flood-defence levees strengthened after devastating Hurricane Katrina struck exactly seven years ago.

Streets famous for hosting celebrations at all hours were turned into ghost boulevards.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Isaac, with 130 km/h winds, had gained strength as it moved over the warm, open waters of the Gulf.

"Now is not the time to tempt fate," U.S. President Barack Obama warned from the White House. "You need to take this seriously."

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu did not activate a mandatory evacuation for Isaac. Instead, officials urged residents to hunker down and make do with the supplies they had.

"We don't expect a Katrina-like event, but remember there are things about a Category 1 storm that can kill you," Landrieu said.

"Isaac is the son of Abraham," said Margaret Thomas, who chose to stay put in New Orleans. "It's a special name that means 'God will protect us.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New anguish over movie massacre

Fundraising furor. Organizers trading on the memory of 'our murdered loved ones,' emotional family members allege

Anguished family members of victims of the Colorado movie massacre lashed out at organizers of a fundraising campaign Tuesday.

They claimed more than $5 million has been collected "using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones."

But so far, they said, no more than $5,000 has been given to each of the families facing bills for medical treatment and other expenses.

The families also said they've been shut out of decisions on how the money should be spent and that fundraisers have been unresponsive to their questions and suggestions.

"When you generate donations for a fund called 'the Aurora Victim Relief Fund' using pictures and names of our murdered loved ones, it would stand to reason the fund is for victims of the Aurora shooting," said Tom Teves, whose son Alex was one of 12 people killed in the July 20 shootings.

Caren and Tom Teves, who lost a son in the shooting, embrace at a news conference Tuesday. CHRIS SCHNEIDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bullets flew at a midnight screening of The Dark Knight Rises at an Aurora movie theatre. Fifty-eight people were wounded.

At an emotional news conference, Teves demanded the fundraisers give the victims and their families a say in how the money is used.

The suspect in the shootings, 24-year-old James Eagan Holmes, is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder. The next hearing in the case is Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Samsung facing a rethink following Apple patent verdict

'Fast follower.' South Korean tech giant must now figure out how to tackle the challenge of moving from imitation to innovation

A U.S. jury's $1-billion-US verdict against Samsung for what rival Apple claimed was the illegal copying of its iPhone and iPad designs signals a turning point for the South Korean electronics giant known for its prowess in adapting the innovations of others and nimbly executing production.

The verdict not only jolted the world of global gadgetry but also likely sparked some soul-searching in Suwon, South Korea, where the family-run Samsung conglomerate is based.

The world's top seller of smartphones finds itself in the post-iPhone reality, where the decades-long practice of industry mimicry now can mean a bruising legal challenge.

And so Samsung finds itself in a position of having to recreate itself as an innovator, not an imitator. But the switch, experts say, will be much more challenging and time-consuming than the shortcuts Samsung used to take.

Samsung has long been regarded as a "fast follower" — imitating or licensing technologies and then competing by lowering costs, improving quality and adding functions.

When Apple released its cutting-edge iPhone in 2007, Samsung employees were likely too pressed to catch up to scrutinize possible patent encroachments. South Korea's idea of intellectual property is also less strict than that in the U.S., and speedy execution is highly valued at Samsung.

Still, Samsung outsold Apple this year in smartphones by offering more variety, including low-end phones for price-conscious consumers.

Samsung's stocks plunged 7.5 per cent in Seoul on the first trading day after the verdict. Samsung has vowed to appeal, but unsuccessful legal battles against Apple in a host of other countries means that Samsung has few choices other than to create its own design identity.

In the past few years, Samsung has been investing in design, not only in mobile phones, but also in TVs and home appliances. But the results were not near the level of revolutionizing the look and feel of its products or the way consumers interact with technology. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strict hierarchy

- Samsung's top-heavy command structure centres on the founding family. At the apex is 70-year-old Lee Kun-hee, who inherited the mantle from his father, Samsung founder Lee Byung-chull, in 1987.
- The strict hierarchy has enabled speedy and bold investment and swift execution. That, plus the ability to build on the innovations of others, has helped Samsung become the world's largest maker of televisions, memory chips, liquid crystal display panels and now smartphones.

Lincoln luxury rolls into China

Ford Motor Co. unveils its Lincoln concept car at a converted 600-year-old temple in Beijing on Tuesday. Ford, eager to grab a piece of China's growing luxury market, plans to start selling Lincoln vehicles there in 2014 — the first time that the nearly 100-year-old brand will be available in China. The Lincolns sold in China will be made in North America, at least initially. FORD MOTOR CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online security

Java susceptible to hacking: Experts

Computer security experts are warning about a new vulnerability involving the ubiquitous Java plug-in, which allows programs to be run inside a web browser. Oracle, the creator of Java, has long been criticized for allowing security exploits in its software to go unchecked. The latest vulnerability, which has been circulating since last week, could allow hackers to gain access to a user's computer with a so-called "drive-by download."
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WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO GIVE SMARTPHONES TO STUPID PEOPLE?

JUST SAYIN'
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It happened overnight.

One day, people went about their business, sharp and alert, and then, the very next day, the streets and roads were filled with slack-jawed zombies peering into little screens, tapping compulsively on little keypads, oblivious to anyone and anything around them.

Smartphones have almost instantly turned us all, well, many of us anyway, into stupid people.

People who drive into each other at high speeds because they're too busy tapping LOL into their smartphones.

People who try to order lunch in a busy lineup at the same time agreeing with a girlfriend (who is somewhere else) that all men are, like, totally potting soil.

People who block street corners and doorways and elevators, breathing through their mouths, inert.

People who drop their smartphones into the urinal while updating their fantasy football roster.

People who go out for dinner and text each other across the table.

I could go on. In fact, I will. There's even a Facebook page called Smart Phones, Stupid People. And they're not kidding.

Arrive alive: Think and drive

There's a story about a stupid man who was so busy downloading an app on his smartphone while he was driving that it wasn't until he got home, parked his van in the driveway and police came to his door, he learned he ran over a 300-pound man in the street.

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There's a photo of a truck with a message on the back: "Don't text and drive: Yours may be on the next shipment: Batesville Casket Company."

There's a story about how people with smartphones have become such a danger to themselves and others in Fort Lee, N.J., that the local police chief has officers ticketing people on the spot. He had to do something as there have already been 23 text-related pedestrian accidents since January.

And finally, there's the story of the Stupidest Person Ever. A college student (named Chance, LOL) from Texas was driving when he texted to his friend: "I need to quit texting, because I could die in a car accident." He then immediately drove off a bridge and over a cliff. He suffered a broken neck, a crushed face, a fractured skull, and brain trauma. How could that be? He has no brain.

Believe it or not, distracted smartphone-related driving led to 3,000 road fatalities in the U.S. last year. If this keeps up, an entire generation will go over the cliff along with Chance.

At that point, the meek and a few others who can't afford a smartphone shall inherit the Earth.

At last, IMHO.

Texting while driving is nothing to LOL about. YOUTUBE SCREEN GRAB

Game of cat and mouse continues

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Mouse play

British PM's cat snatches a mouse

Larry, the Downing Street cat, is seen on patrol.

The tabby recruited by British Prime Minister David Cameron to ward off mice at his official residence, 10 Downing Street, has recorded his first kill in months. A Downing Street spokeswoman says a staff member found the five-year-old Chief Mouser Tuesday sitting outside the famous black door with a dead mouse. Larry, a former stray, has been known to take a relaxed approach to his duties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Cameron

Heathrow expansion

Kill made at same time as MP's mouse call

The timing couldn't have been better: On Tuesday, a member of Cameron's Conservative Party was questioning whether the leader was "man or mouse" over his opposition to the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

Tim Yeo is pressing Cameron to change his mind. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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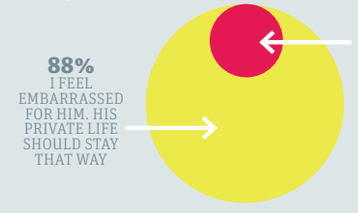
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Movie reviews

Lawless

Director. John Hillcoat

Stars. Tom Hardy, Shia LaBeouf, Guy Pearce

Lawless sees director John Hillcoat once more teaming up with cult gothic rock god Nick Cave for a violent, meandering, macho shoot em up. The results are less weighty than their previous Cave penned collaborations, Ghosts of the Civil Dead and The Proposition, in fact, despite the ample bloodshed and agony on screen, Lawless is actually kind of a — gasp — good time.

Not words you'd expect from the man who gave us the bleaker than death adaptation of The Road (in which Cave and partner Warren Ellis also composed the score, as they do here) but the film, which sees Shia LaBeouf as a gentle younger sibling to a fierce brood of prohibition era moonshiners is painted with such broad, arch strokes and is filled with such buoyant roots music — the best soundtrack of its kind since O Brother Where Art Thou — that only the hardest heart wouldn't smile.

There's equally fantastic performances from LaBeouf, Hillcoat regular Guy Pierce (in pure Snidely Whiplash ultra-villain role) and especially, the imposing Tom Hardy, re-channelling his Bane character as a hardened, but gallant, thug with a moral code. Even Hardy's Dark Knight cast mate Gary Oldman shows up and steals scenes as a psycho tommy gun wielding gangster.

Mixing action and even western tropes with fine, sepia soaked period detail and detours of visual and aural poetry, Lawless is an immersive joy and one of the finest films of the year.

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A young girl starts displaying disturbing behaviour after purchasing an old artifact in The Possession. HANDOUT

Scary? Yes, but don't call it a horror movie, actor says

The Possession.
New film more of a character piece, says Jeffrey Dean Morgan

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Jeffrey Dean Morgan is all for you getting scared watching The Possession — about a young girl who starts displaying disturbing behaviour after her family purchases an old Hebrew artifact — but it's not a horror movie, he swears.

Morgan, who plays the girl's beleaguered dad in the film, makes his pitch for The Possession as a character piece and offers some insight on why audiences can't get enough of exorcisms.

What was the initial draw for you for this project?
Everybody wants to label this as a horror movie, and I never considered it to be a horror movie going in.

It actually had a story to it, and I'm so used to horror movies this day and age being found footage, shaky camera, just a f–ing visual onslaught of gore.

This movie actually had a story and it reminded me of the movies that I thought were scary — The Exorcist and Rosemary's Baby and The Omen — where you could become invested in those characters. This had that. (I play) a recently divorced guy trying to be a good father and sort of failing miserably with two teenage daughters.

So you've got a family that's kind of been troubled at the heart of this. And then of course there's demons inside people, so there's that (laughs).

But it's really, I think, a character piece. I think it really gives the opportunity for us to act and for (director) Ole (Bornedal) to direct, and that helps a great deal when doing this kind of thing.

Why do you think demonic possession continues to be such a popular topic for horror films?
Yeah, I mean people go see these movies, for sure. I don't know, I didn't ever really put it together but it's always the kid who gets possessed, and the parents are trying to, I guess, save the day — with a priest or a rabbi, I guess, in our case.

But I just think a child getting possessed is... what is more horrific for a parent than that? And I think that's something that maybe people can somehow relate to. And what 11-year-old girl isn't possessed?

Plus so many of them purport to be based on true stories.
There is that element of it could happen, maybe. I'm a skeptic when it comes to all that paranormal activity and craziness and possession, but in doing the little bit of research that I did for this movie, there's some scary s– out there. You can see it on the Internet, actual exorcisms and stuff that have happened.

I've got to wonder how that is there. I mean, it doesn't look staged to me, and it's superscary. But I think there's that element that this could be a real thing. And people argue that it absolutely is a real thing, and I think because of that it's interesting subject matter.

Inanimate objects can be evil too

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We can all imagine the fear that comes along with being chased by a werewolf. Or waking up to find Dracula staring down at you. They are living, breathing (or in Drac's case, dead and not so breathing, but you get the idea) embodiments of evil. But how about inanimate objects? Have you ever been terrified of a lamp? Or creeped out by a tire?

In this weekend's The Possession, a Dybbuk Box purchased at a yard sale brings misfortune to everyone who comes in contact with it.

It's not the first time that the movies have imbued an inert object with evil powers.

There have been loads of haunted houses in the movies. In most of them, however, the house is merely a vessel for a spirit or some unseen entity that makes its presence know by making the walls bleed or randomly slamming doors. Rarer is the house that is actually evil.

Stephen King wrote about a house that eats people in the third installment of his Dark Tower series. On screen Robert Zemeckis and Steven Spielberg visualized the idea in the appropriately titled Monster House.

In this animated movie three teens figure out the house across the street is a man-eating monster.

By the time they got around to the fourth installment of the most famous haunted house series, the Amityville Horror, filmmakers had to figure out a new plotline apart from the tired "new owners move in to the house, get freaked out leave," storyline. In The Amityville Horror: The Evil Escapes, a cursed lamp causes all sorts of trouble when it is shipped from the evil Long Island house to a Californian mansion.

Much weirder is Rubber, the story of a killer tire — yes, you read that right — with psychokinetic powers — think Carrie with treads — who terrorizes the American southwest. It's an absurdist tract on how and why we watch movies, what entertainment is and the movie business, among other things. But frankly, mostly it's about a tire rolling around the desert and while there is something kind of hypnotic about watching the tire on its murderous journey — think Natural Born Killers but round and rubbery — that doesn't mean Rubber is a good movie.

Finally, think bed bugs are bad? How about a hungry bed? The title of this one sums it up: Death Bed: The Bed that Eats.

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Lohan a suspect in theft — yes, again

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Although her name was initially cleared, Lindsay Lohan is now officially a suspect in the theft of $100,000 worth of valuables from a Hollywood home.

Last week, police were called to the home of Sam Magid after Lohan, her assistant and others spent the night partying.

Here's where things get messy, even in Lohan's world: Magid claimed that insanely expensive sunglasses and watches were missing, but later recanted his story.

Then, on Monday, two of Lohan's friends — including Andrew Knight, son of hip-hop mogul Suge Knight — stopped by Magid's house with some of the stolen items that they claim Lohan gave them, reports TMZ.

What's Lohan have to say for herself? Quite a bit.

According to TMZ, she claims that she was in an Ambien fog that night but does remember hiding jewelry, watches and Tiffany silverware out of fear they would be stolen by other guests.

As for anything that actually did walk off, she blames Knight.

Lindsay's father, Michael Lohan, is calling the accusation against his daughter an unfair "witch hunt" — presumably because he forgot she stole a necklace from a high-end jewelry store last year, resulting in a months-long, soul-crushing courtroom circus.

Must be nice, Michael. Must be nice.

Russell Brand

Brand linked to fellow Brit Ginger Spice

A month after finalizing his divorce from American pop star Katy Perry, British comedian Russell Brand is apparently sticking closer to home. Brand is reportedly dating Spice Girls member Geri Halliwell, according to the Sun.

Brand and Halliwell, who hung out during the Olympics closing ceremony earlier this month, were recently spotted out and about at Hampton Court Palace along with Halliwell's 6-year-old daughter. Halliwell, for her part, admits there's a new special someone in her life — but she's leaving it at that. "I'm not going into details," she tells Hello! Magazine. "Right now there's nothing serious."

Prince Harry

Royal video shopped online: Report

Prince Harry's headaches over his naked romp in Las Vegas earlier this month may not be over, as Radar Online is reporting that a video of the incident could end up online shortly — for the right price.

"There is video of Harry partying naked with women in the Las Vegas hotel room. There have been some very quiet inquiries to see how much the video is worth," a source says. "The video has not been shopped around yet. With all the attention the photos got, the people with the video know it could be worth a fortune."

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As far as Caribbean islands go, there are few that are as robust in their food, wine and rum offerings than Barbados. From the weekly fish fry and rum shacks strewn along the roads across the island to truly fine rum and upscale restaurants, there's much to be enjoyed on the scenic island of Barbados.

For those looking to try the island's traditional fare, head to the St Lawrence Gap's many restaurants where you can get a taste of dishes like cou cou with flying fish, the national dish of Barbados, officially. Unofficially, there's also favourites like macaroni pie, Bajan pepper sauce and Toronto chef Mark McEwan's pick: "fish sandwiches" or fish cutters, best experienced at Cuz's Fish Stand on Pebbles Beach near Bridgetown.

Then, there's the famous fish fry. At Oistins on Friday and Saturday nights, you can get the day's catch fried or grilled, with a beer in hand and island music in the air.

"Instead of going to a museum like you would in Europe, you've got to get to Oistins for a fish fry when you're in Barbados," says celeb chef Marcus Samuelsson, who, like McEwan can be seen on the island during the Barbados Food & Wine and Rum Festival.

Rum aficionados will not want to miss a visit to Mount Gay Distilleries, home to the world's oldest rum brand (since 1703), Mount Gay Rum.

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Virginia craft brewers raise their glasses to burgeoning beer market

Drinkers kept hopping. Over the last five years, the state's small beermakers have forged quite the attraction for thirsty tourists

From Virginia's industrial outskirts of Richmond to the pastoral landscapes of the Blue Ridge Mountains and beyond, an army of artisans are turning their love of beer into business.

Armed with an arsenal of barley and hops, these craft brewers are looking to cash in on a growing interest in all things local, including alcoholic libations.

And recent changes to state law are helping craft brewers grow their business.

With about 40 craft breweries in the state, Virginia pales in comparison to U.S. states like California, Oregon and Colorado. But craft brewers in Virginia hope to build on the success of the state's wine industry, which has seen steady growth in recent years and continues to attract tourists seeking to enjoy the concoctions made by Virginia craftsmen.

For the first time, the state has designated August as Virginia Craft Beer month, highlighted by events at breweries, including a statewide festival and competition Saturday at the award-winning Devils Backbone Brewing Company in Nelson County.

"It's exciting right now. ... There's been a real movement in the last five years," said Mike Killelea, chairman of the Virginia Craft Brewers Guild and a brewer at Richmond's Legend Brewing Co. for more than five years.

"Within about two years, you're probably going to have a brewery within a short drive of pretty much every citizen in the commonwealth. ... My hope is that people become more aware of the great beer scene here."

"Craft brewers have become known for their innovation, so they take old world beer styles and have pushed the envelope — packing more flavour ... and doing modern twists on classic styles that often now have created completely different new world styles of beer," said Julia Herz, the craft beer program director at the Brewers Association.

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Quick facts

- **$9 billion.** The size of the craft brewery industry in the United States.
- **104,000.** The number of jobs craft brewers provide.
- **11.5 million.** The number of barrels of beer craft brewers sold in 2011.

New heights of snacking sophistication

Pita bread with mushrooms make these individual grilled pizzas a delightful lunch or snack.

If the mushrooms are too long for the pitas, thickly slice the mushrooms on a cutting board and place on top the spinach. Thinner pitas will crisp better than thick ones.

Grilled Mushroom Pita Pizza

This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Ingredients

- 45 ml (3 tbsp) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed into olive oil
- 4 large fresh portobello mushroom caps
- 4 whole-wheat pita breads (15 to 18 cm/6 to 7 inches)
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) sun-dried tomato pesto
- 1 l (4 cups) baby spinach or arugula leaves (60 g/2 oz)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) shaved Parmesan or Romano cheese
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste

1. In a small bowl, whisk oil and garlic together; lightly brush mushrooms on both sides with garlic oil.

2. Barbecue mushrooms on high heat for 2 to 3 minutes per side or until mushrooms are lightly softened.

3. Meanwhile, place pitas on barbecue over high heat and cook for 2 minutes on one side or until warmed through. Remove to a tray or cutting board and spread softer side with tomato pesto. Top with spinach and then warm mushrooms, stem side up.

4. Return to barbecue and cook for additional 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly crisp. Garnish with Parmesan. Cut in halves or quarters and serve immediately. Season with pepper.

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From athletic blog to journalism job

If you type it, the job may come.
Chris Lund's success story illustrates that pursuing your passion produces opportunity

ELIAS DA SILVA-POWELL
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Chris Lund graduated from Queen's University in 2011 with a range of experience more accustomed to someone many years his senior.

Only two months after graduation, he started a position as a web editor and writer for The Score Sports Network, managing the website's editorial content.

It's an entry-level job any sports journalist would jump at. Chris hadn't cashed in on family connections; he hadn't lied on his numerous resumés; indeed, he isn't even a graduate of a journalism program.

And yet, despite Chris's uncommon track record with the written word, his journey begins with that most conventional of written modes — a blog.

Humble beginnings

In July 2009, Chris and his friend Matt Piazza started a blog at AlwaysOUA.blogspot.com.

The duo were dissatisfied with the then-limited coverage of Ontario University Athletics (OUA). National media outlets pay little attention to varsity level game play, while university press departments generally focus on the prospects of their own teams.

"We didn't want what we thought were very entertaining and very competitive sports to go unnoticed," said Chris.

Original ideas are rare on the Internet. With millions of blogs online — over 100 million as of 2011 — it's safe to say that if you can think of a topic, someone is probably blogging about it already.

AlwaysOUA proved the exception.

Branching out

The blog suddenly filled a void for the OUA community.

"We had press credentials from pretty much every school and team in the province within our first month, just because teams are so willing to have extra coverage," said Chris.

Close proximity to teams helped the pair develop interesting coverage while exploring different ways to raise the profile of OUA game play.

"We conducted polls asking students, 'How can we get you out to games?' and shared the results with schools and teams," Chris said.

Just another day at the office. ISTOCK

Chris also submitted an op-ed piece to the Queen's University student newspaper, titled, We need to value our campus athletics, and put his mouth where his money was, taking the microphone as the sports director for Queen's campus radio station, CFRC-FM.

More than just a blog

Within a year, the blog started an opportunity snowball.

Chris was contacted by The Score Sports Network, who asked him to contribute to their University Rush blog.

With his foot in the door, Chris began networking with professionals in his field and found himself in touch with a copy editor for The Hockey News, who referred him to the paper's editorial internship program. He started in May 2011.

"The Hockey News is the premier publication for the sport. NHL players have subscriptions. If it says it in there, it matters," said Chris.

With his experience in writing, editing and public relations, Chris set his sights on a full-time job when a web editor position at The Score crossed his desk. With his track record for dedicated work at the grassroots level and beyond, it's no surprise he got the job.

It all worked out

"I turned the blogging experience into work, which really taught me how to function at the professional level."
Chris Lund

Back to basics

Now 22, Chris has a LinkedIn profile with a volume of qualifications and experience that most of us hope to have in five years — with luck.

He maintains that his accomplishments all began with his work in blogging.

"When the blog started getting attention from other writers and schools, I had a moment where I thought, 'I can do this.' That was the moment I realized that this work is what I want to do for a living."

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Top athlete

Hughes 'an easy decision' for Manitoba HOF

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Hughes competed in winter and summer Olympics as a speedskater and cyclist, winning a total of six medals.

"As one of the greatest Canadian athletes of all time, and the only athlete in the world to win multiple medals in both a summer and winter Olympics, this was an easy decision," hall president Don Pincock said in a release.

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Baseball

Goldeyes grind out win over Ex's

The post-season is looming for the Winnipeg Goldeyes (54-40) who have returned home to wrap up their regular season with seven games in seven days, beginning Tuesday night against the Sioux City Explorers.

The Fish — current holders of the American Association wild card — eked out a 5-3 win in front of 7,012 in Winnipeg.

Starter Todd Privett took to the hill for the Goldeyes on four days rest, allowing all three Sioux City runs in 4 2/3 innings.

Utility man Kaohi Downing captured the win (4-2, 3.89 ERA).

Josh Mazzola provided the brunt of the Winnipeg offence stroking a solo home run in the second and the eventual game-winning RBI-double in the third.

The Goldeyes' magic number is down to four to clinch a playoff spot.

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Djokovic cruises past Lorenzi in Round 1 of U.S. Open

Novak Djokovic returns a shot during his 6-1, 6-0, 6-1 opening-round win over Paolo Lorenzi at the U.S. Open in New York on Tuesday night. Also on Tuesday, Milos Raonic of Thornhill, Ont., overcame 55 unforced errors, including 15 double faults, to defeat Santiago Giraldo 6-3, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. On the women's side, eighth-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, slowed by a right knee injury, fell 6-2, 6-2 to 96th-ranked Irina-Camelia Begu and 19-year-old Sloane Stephens upset 2010 French Open champion, and No. 22 seed, Francesca Schiavone 6-3, 6-4. MATTHEW STOCKMAN/GETTY IMAGES

NHL offers a new proposal to players

NHL. Bettman believes new CBA offer constitutes a 'meaningful' step

Gary Bettman believes the NHL took a "significant" step with the counter-proposal it presented in the latest round of collective bargaining.

The commissioner laid out the details of a new offer to the NHL Players' Association on Tuesday morning and later told reporters that it was an improvement from the initial offer put forth by the NHL last month.

"We believe that we made a significant, meaningful step," said Bettman.

Neither side would discuss specific elements of the new deal. NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr gave an initial response to the league on Tuesday afternoon and requested that the parties gather again Wednesday after the union has had more time to examine it.

"It's a proposal that we intend to respond to," said Fehr. "I'll leave it at that."

The current collective agreement expires Sept. 15 and the NHL has said it will lock the players out if a new deal isn't reached by then.

The owners and players have had trouble getting on the same page. Bettman indicated the league's new offer was a direct counter-proposal to the offer the players put forth two weeks ago and hopes it helps spark negotiations.

"I'm trying to get us on to the same page, I'm trying to get us on to a common language," he said.

The proposal was unveiled in an intimate setting, with only Fehr and top assistant Steve Fehr in the room for the players and Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly for the league. The morning meeting lasted about 45 minutes and concluded with Donald Fehr saying he wanted to apprise his constituents of the situation.

About four hours later, the Fehr brothers returned to the NHL's head office along with players Mathieu Darche, Ron Hainsey and Douglas Murray.

The afternoon session was over in about 30 minutes, with both sides agreeing to meet again on Wednesday.

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Quoted

"I'm encouraged that we're talking, to be honest with you."

NHL player representative Mathieu Darche on Tuesday's proposal from the league. Darche added that it's obvious the NHL took time to come up with the new proposal.

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Engine

A 2.4-litre four-cylinder produces 174 horsepower and 171 pound-feet of torque. It's connected to a six-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic. Shifting your own gears results in optimum fuel economy: 10.1 l/100 km in the city and 6.7 on the highway, which is slightly better than 10.6/6.9 rating with the automatic.

Trim options

The $21,500 (including destination charges) base LS doesn't stray too far from basic, but spending an extra $2,300 for the 1LT trim adds air conditioning, cruise control, tilt/telescoping steering, floor console and upgraded seat coverings.

Versatility

The basic platform is shared with Chevrolet's Cruze sedan, although the Orlando is somewhat longer and wider overall and features an extra 7.5 centimetres between the front and rear wheels.

That added distance is the key to the Orlando's versatility. Three rows of seats come standard on all trim levels, including a 60:40 split-folding three-place second row and a 50:50 split-folding two-passenger third row that's more kid friendly than anything. Both second- and third-rows can be folded completely flat, creating a cavernous cargo hold that can swallow nearly any big-box-store item you would care to haul home.

For smaller items there are plenty of handy storage spots to be found throughout the cabin.

2012 Chevrolet Orlando

- **Type.** Four-door, seven-passenger, front-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (174).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 10.1/6.7(MT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $21,500.

Review. It carries plenty, without costing plenty

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Canadians should be grateful that General Motors has brought the Chevrolet Orlando to this country.

That's because, for some reason, Chevy fans and dealers south of the border are going without this practical and affordable wagon that hails from GM's Korean subsidiary. Named for a city in Florida, but won't be available there?

Interesting.

The Orlando (perhaps the Saskatoon or the Halifax might have made better names) slots directly below the five-seat Equinox and well below the full-size Traverse in Chevrolet's tall-wagon hierarchy.

This junior-sized, front-wheel-drive space maker is an ideal minivan alternative. Its seven-passenger capacity is a match for most vehicles in the people-mover class, albeit in a tighter package for people and goods. But the Orlando actually competes against the Mazda 5, Kia Rondo and Dodge Journey. This trio also offers three-row seating and all but only the Journey can be ordered with optional all-wheel-drive.

The Orlando might have far offshore roots, but from its prominent Chevrolet "bow-tie" brand on the grille to its rear liftgate, this wagon is definitely domestically influenced. In particular the side view appears inspired by the bigger Traverse, especially the wide doors and the upsweep of the roof pillar. The character-adding flared-out fenders and full-length roof rails also help make the vehicle appear larger than it actually is.

With its up-front costs within reach of most Canadian families, the Orlando should easily make the active-consideration list. Feeling sorry for our Orlando-less American neighbours comes at no extra charge.

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As the Nürburgring became the proving ground for the world's top automakers, some went as far as to set up research and development facilities there. This is Aston Martin's. ASTON MARTIN

Auto Know.

World's yardstick for performance, the Nürburgring, caught in the crossfire of promises gone bad, strange business model ideas and a government that's had enough of pouring money in 'The Green Hell'

TODD D. BURLAGE
Wheelbase Media

Former Formula One driver Sir Jackie Stewart called it "The Green Hell" for a reason. It's tough and dangerous. But the Nürburgring might have earned the name lately for a completely different reason. The wrong reason. It's a money pit.

It's a story of bad business, angry locals, bribery allegations, and more twists and bends than the 174 turns once featured on the same Nürburgring racetrack all this intrigue surrounds.

The Nürburgring is a legendary motorsports complex built around the village of Nürburg, in the Eifel Mountains of West Germany.

It was once the thriving standard of road racing and a familiar home to the Formula One German Grand Prix and has become the performance yardstick for many automakers around the world. But major changes to the iconic racetrack and a failed business plan have recently driven this once proud facility into bankruptcy, putting the 85-year-old complex in jeopardy.

According to multiple reports, the Nürburgring — which is 90 per cent owned by the state government in Rhineland-Palatinate — faces a debt of 300 million euros ($365 million) after major and costly renovations in 2009 didn't generate the necessary revenue to meet loan payments.

The German state tried to avoid bankruptcy for its track in July, or at least buy a little time, by filing for an emergency loan of 13 million euros ($15.8 million) from the European government. But with the European economy currently running on financial fumes, the European Commission denied the request and state governor, Ken Beck, conceded the inevitable.

"There is a high probability of insolvency (July 2012) due to a lack of liquidity."

What all of this means to the future of Nürburgring and its place as a Formula One site remains uncertain and impossible to predict, but looking back to how the racing complex went from invincibility to insolvency is a necessary step before looking forward.

Opening in 1927, the original Nürburgring course featured four different layouts — the longest being 28 kilometres — to accommodate different racing series. Because it was considered the most demanding, treacherous and difficult racing circuit in the world, Nürburgring earned the nickname "The Green Hell" from Stewart.

There are competitive events, yes, but the Nürburgring is often open to the general public to drive for a small fee. ASTON MARTIN

Other than a few tweaks and some safety improvements, Nürburgring remained relatively unchanged until 1970 when the track was made straighter, smoother, shorter, slower and safer, much to the dismay of the locals who found the new configuration to be too "user friendly."

Nürburgring became a regular stop on the Formula One circuit in 1951 and remained one until 1976, when the German Grand Prix was moved to Hockenheimring in Hockenheim, Germany, for every year between 1977 and 2006, save for 1985.

And while Nürburgring lost its hold on the Formula One race, public events and other racing initiatives kept the track solvent and stable until a bold and expensive decision in 2004 to undergo massive renovations became the first domino to bankruptcy.

Hoping to generate revenue from non-motorsport promotions in the area, grandiose plans emerged to build an amusement park, shopping mall and hotel on Nürburgring property, further irritating racing purists and the local fan base.

According to a story on caranddriver.com, shady investors promised to support the project, but never delivered on the funds, putting a $610 million financial burden on the state government. The spending spree was finally put to an end in July when, after three years, it became clear the redevelopment projects that were completed in 2009 would never generate enough revenue to stay current on the loans.

Ironically, 2009 was the same year the German Grand Prix returned — after a 20-year absence — to Nürburgring in an agreement with Hockenheimring to alternate the race each year between the two venues. Sharing the race would help ease the financial burden for each site of the multi-million host fees paid by tracks interested in holding a Formula One race.

Automakers such as Nissan use their Nürburgring lap times to benchmark themselves against Corvette and Viper. Will they have to find someplace else to play with the GTR? NISSAN

And that brings us back to today's bankruptcy proceedings. Hoping to preserve the German Grand Prix date at Nürburgring, Formula One Management president and CEO Bernie Ecclestone recently offered a polarizing solution to keep Nürburgring as a biannual stop for the German Grand Prix.

Ecclestone has said he is willing to wave the host fee — about $30 million paid to Formula One Management — provided his business gets to keep 100 per cent of the revenue earned by the event.

Those negotiations are in their infancy and no official decision has been reached, but the Nürburgring saga took an interesting twist the weekend of July 21-22 when Ecclestone failed to show up for either the German Grand Prix or a meeting with Nürburgring officials in Germany to discuss the financial crisis and possible solutions.

Ecclestone, 81, has not talked publicly about the Nürburgring situation and he didn't offer an explanation for the no-show, although speculation runs rampant. As for the future of Nürburgring and its place on the Formula One schedule, speculation is also the rule.

It's unlikely any private investors would be interested in the amusement park, shopping mall and the other money pits on the property, and those will likely be shut down, while many believe secondary racing, concerts, public track rentals and any other profitable operations will remain intact.

Whether that survivor list will ever include the German Grand Prix remains to be seen, in what has become a high-speed soap opera.

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Last week of summer. A joyous time for parents with school-age kids.

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Two, it's another poignant reminder that your own school days are mercifully over, and you won't be the one heading out the door next Tuesday with a bad lunch and an over-stuffed backpack.

School isn't all bad, of course. And if you're the type that gets an extra kick from things automotive, then high school was, or will be, a heady time.

An automotive restorer once told me that, almost without fail, a guy would restore and/or buy a particular model of classic car later in life, based on their first-ever car lust, which usually occurred when they were 12 to 14.

The cool cars they saw then on the road, and envisioned themselves behind the wheel of, will remain the coolest cars ever made, in their opinion.

So just think of the young brains that are getting programmed for life right now, by their first in-the-flesh encounters with something like an Audi R8, Lamborghini Aventador, or McLaren MP4-12C.

High school is also when a lot of kids first learn to drive, and possibly get their own cars. (There was one memorable guy in my Grade 8 class who not only had his licence, but also his own car, which he drove to school, and parked in the same lot as the teachers! Obviously this was an era in which you were actually allowed to fail an elementary grade.)

My parents wouldn't allow me to purchase my own car in high school, on the premise that I had no business owning a car, when all I wanted to do with one is drive around town playing 8-track tapes.

It was a particularly hurtful thing to say because it was 100 per cent accurate.

I guess the most iconic school-related vehicle is the yellow school bus. Progress marches on, but the school bus seems resistant to change.

In that regard, they're much like that Coke-Pepsi line. All sorts of cultural walls have come down, but you still can't get Coke and Pepsi together in the same eating or drinking establishment. It's one or the other folks…

But back to school buses. They haven't changed much because they continue to have a great safety record.

Yes, they look antiquated, but their serious "mass" and serious "yellowness" make them very visible and very energy absorbent. And with the seats so tight together, and with padding on the seat backs, the kids don't get thrown around too much when things get hairy.

Drivers are also highly trained working on familiar routes, and they're usually only on the road in daylight hours.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A lot is at stake at the moment, especially financially, so don't let others rush you into making any sudden decisions. The more they try to convince you that you need to act immediately, the more you should take your time.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You must make an effort to control your emotions. As Mars, planet of anger, moves through your opposite sign you will get upset more easily than usual with people who annoy you. Don't go too far.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
This is a good time to make changes to your work routine but make sure they are changes that favour you and not other people. Colleagues and employers will take advantage of you if you let them.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
This is a great time for getting things done. With Mars on your side, there is precious little you cannot accomplish. But you must be clear about your aims. Set yourself a single goal each and every day.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If your domestic situation could do with some sort of improvement then now is the time to stop thinking about it and do something practical. Don't just touch up the paintwork, have a complete renovation.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With Mars, planet of action, moving through the area of your chart that governs travel and social activities, you won't let anyone or anything hold you back from having a good time. You thoroughly deserve it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be a little worried about your money situation but there is really no need. Over the next few weeks you will get several opportunities to boost the size of your bank balance. Don't waste them.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Mars, planet of ambition, is now well established in your birth sign, which means you can at last start putting your plans into effect. Take responsibility for your own success — and take what it is you desire.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You like to see the world through rose-tinted spectacles but you may have to work harder at it today. When things go wrong — and sometimes they will — don't assume that the sky is about to fall. It's never that bad.

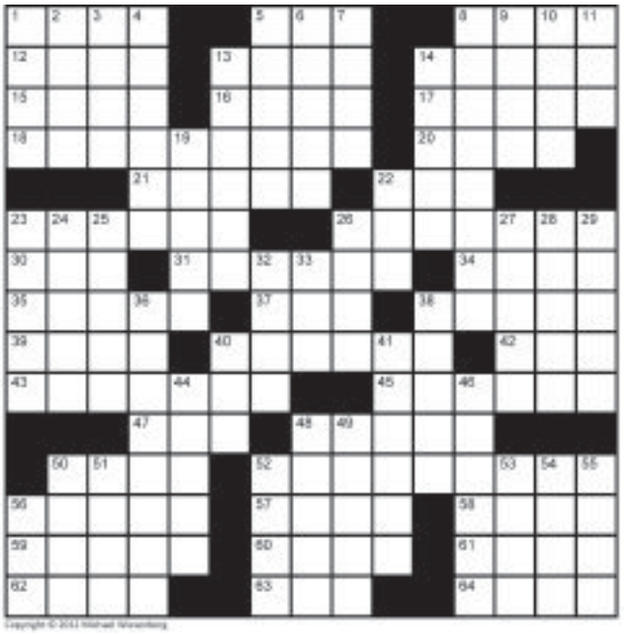
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you make the effort to work with people, there is no limit to what you can accomplish over the next few days. Join forces with those who share your dreams. Together you can make them happen.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Whatever your career may be, it will take on more importance now and in the near future. It's not about your worldly status, it's about what your talents are and how you can use them for the greater good.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can, if you wish, throw caution to the wind and do as you please. You can, if you wish, neglect your chores and indulge your passions. And you should. You very much need some down time — and that time is now. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Teams, Author, Places, Symbol

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Steve McQueen's first major movie, with "The"
5. NNW's opposite
8. CAA giveaways
12. Ready to be picked
13. Toronto-born classical pianist Gould
14. Chalet overhangs
15. "Be with you in ___!" (2 wds)
16. Bassoon or clarinet
17. Lockups at sea
18. Montréal team
20. Helps
21. "Would I ___ you?" (2 wds.)
22. Picnic pest
23. *I, Robot* author Isaac
26. Alberta's northern member of the CFL
30. Alta. neighbor
31. Decorative stickers
34. Underground digging workplace
35. Québec peninsula
37. Canadiens member, familiarly
38. Distributed cards
39. Prevaricator
40. Medicinal amount
42. Lean-___: makeshift sheds
43. Where to find Kingston
45. Parliament's home
47. Bond creator Fleming
48. "Tell ___ I Love Her": 1960 teenage tragedy hit
50. Barroom projectile
52. Canada symbol (2 wds.)
56. Ontario-born Mandel of *Deal or No Deal*
57. With respect to, legal letter style (2 wds.)
58. Great Lake
59. Barbecue residue
60. Campfire entertainment
61. "And ___ word from our sponsor" (2 wds.)
62. Bovine sounds
63. My gal of song
64. 1917 revolution casualty

Down
1. Bric-a-___: knick-knacks
2. Bart Simpson's sister
3. Unclosed
4. "Relax" (2 wds.)
5. Icy precipitation
6. "___ evil, speak ..." (2 wds.)
7. Finishes
8. ___ Provinces: they're on the Atlantic
9. Gung-ho
10. Coat hooks
11. "Boo-o-o-o-o!"
13. Mourn
14. Online loan source
19. Electron tube
22. Blockhead
23. Non Francophone
24. Boyfriend in Shakespeare's time
25. "Can you show me where ___?" (2 wds.)
26. 1814-15 exile for Napoleon
27. Mazda introduced in 1989
28. At the minimum setting (2 wds.)
29. ___ good example: is a role model (2 wds.)
32. Doubled, a train
33. Certain batteries
36. Provinces between BC and 43-Across, familiarly
38. Raison _'___: reason for being
40. Uproar
41. Robert ___: Canadian-American singer and actor who starred as Lancelot in the 1960 Broadway musical *Camelot*
44. Bank posting
46. Artistic asset
48. Sri ___, formerly Ceylon
49. Taxing time
50. "Make it happen" (2 wds.)
51. *Horton Hears* ___: Dr. Seuss (2 wds.)
52. Bypass
53. Valentine personality
54. Stereo brand
55. Dread
56. Overacting actor

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3			8					
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	3	5				2	1	
			6				5	3
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2						5	7	
9			1		4	3	8	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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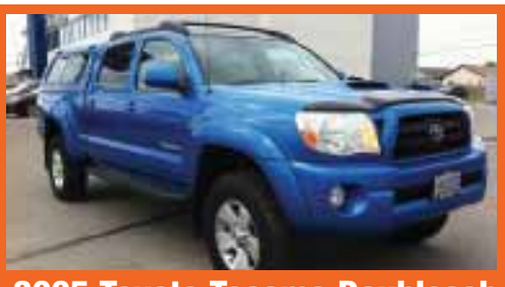

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